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TAGS: MOPS, XF, IS

SUBJECT: DAYAN ADDRESSES NATION ON MILITARY SITUATION

1. AT 9 PM LOCAL TIME DEFENSE MINISTER DAYAN IN BRIEF RADIO AND TELEVISION ADDRESS ASSESSED MILITARY SITUATION ON GOLAN HEIGHTS AND SUEZ CANAL, EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE THAT IDF WOULD REPULSE INVADERS.

2. DAYAN ANNOUNCED THAT DIFFICULT FIGHTING WAS TAKING PLACE ON BOTH FRONTS. IN GOLAN HEIGHTS SOME SYRIAN TANKS HAD PENETRATED ON ISRAELI SIDE OF CEASEFIRE LINE, AND THERE HAD BEEN SOME MILITARY CASUALTIES. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT SYRIANS WOULD BE REPULSED BACK TO THEIR SIDE OF CEASEFIRE LINE. THERE WERE NO CIVILIAN CASUALTIES IN GOLAN HEIGHTS SETTLEMENTS.

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3. ON SUEZ CANAL SITUATION WAS MORE DIFFICULT. THERE WERE LARGE

NUMBER OF EGYPTIAN FORCES INVOLVED. IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR IDF TO DEFEND EVERY KILOMETER OF LENGTHY SUEZ CANAL LINE. EGYPTIANS HAD ALREADY CROSSED AT FIVE POINTS AND IT WAS TO BE EXPECTED THAT THERE WOULD BE FURTHER CROSSINGS DURING THE NIGHT. EGYPTIANS HAD HAD GREATER TIME FOR PREPARATIONS THAN GOI AND HAD EMPLOYED GREATER NUMBER OF FORCES. IDF HAD SUFFERED CASUALTIES IN MEN AND EQUIPMENT.

4. DAYAN REPEATED TWICE THAT ISRAEL HAD NOT WANTED TO LAUNCH PRE-EMPTIVE ATTACK AND THAT, IF IT HAD DONE SO, IDF WOULD NOW BE ON WESTERN SIDE OF CANAL.

5. DAYAN CONCLUDED HIS ANALYSIS BY STATING THAT ISRAEL HAD CALCULATED IN ADVANCE THAT MILITARY SITUATION AT END OF FIRST DAY OF HOSTILITIES WOULD INVOLVE SIGNIFICANT EGYPTIAN PRESENCE ON EASTERN SIDE OF CANAL. LARGE DESERT BARRIER BETWEEN CANAL AND ISRAEL POPULATED

AREA MADE SITUATION DIFFERENT FROM THAT IN 1967. HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT IN END IDF WOULD INFLICT MARKED DEFEAT ON EGYPTIANS AND DRIVE THEM BACK ACROSS CANAL.  
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